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SUBJ: EXPULSIONS FOSTER PREDICTIONS OF UP SPLIT

REF: CAPE TOWN 0590

1. EXPULSION OF FIVE "REFORMISTS" FROM CAPE PROVINCE UNITED PARTY (REFTEL) HAS PREDICTABLY REOPENED BATTLE BETWEEN PARTY'S "OLD GUARD" AND "YOUNG TURK" WINGS. TO DATE, BOTH SIDES SHOWING PUBLIC RESTRAINT AND DESIRE TO HOLD PARTY TOGETHER. UP PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS CAUCUSED OCT 3 AND AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE DECIDED TO BOOT ISSUE TO PARTY'S CENTRAL HEAD COMMITTEE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO MEET SOON TO RULE ON EXPELLED MEMBERS' APPEAL. IF NO SATISFACTION FOUND THERE, THE FIVE AND THEIR SUPPORTERS WILL CERTAINLY BRING ISSUE TO FLOOR OF CAPE UP CONGRESS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NOVEMBER.

2. PARTY'S YOUNG TURKS ADAMANT THAT EXPULSION MUST BE FOUGHT. IN CAPE TOWN SPEECH OCT 4, UP'S TRANSVAAL LEADER HARRY SCHWARZ WARNED THAT "SMALL GROUP" IN UP ANXIOUS TO FOMENT "WHITE BACKLASH" AND RETARD PARTY'S INSISTENCE ON CHANGE IN SA. SCHWARZ SAID THIS UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE PARTY. ON OTHER HAND, PARLIAMENTARY PRESS CORRESPONDENT TOLD EMBOFF SAME DAY

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THAT CONSERVATIVE CAPE UP LEADER MYBURGH STREICHER HAD TOLD HIM

THAT EXPULSIONS WILL STICK AND THAT OTHER REFORMISTS WILL ALSO BE BOUNCED FROM CAPE UP BEFORE NOVEMBER CONGRESS.

3. ONCE AGAIN, UP FACTIONS SEEM TO BE ON DIVISION COURSE. SOME POLITICAL OBSERVERS FORECASTING UP'S IMMINENT COLLAPSE. OTHER, PERHAPS WISER, SOULS REMEMBER THAT NUMEROUS PREVIOUS REPORTS OF UP'S DEMISE HAVE PROVED TO BE PREMATURE AND ARE RESERVING JUDGMENT WHILE EVENTS OF NEXT FEW WEEKS UNFOLD.

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